

St. John's Lutheran School

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MARCH EVENTS

- ♦ *March 16th*
End of the Third Quarter
- ♦ *March 19-23*
Spring Break



APRIL EVENTS

- ♦ *Sunday, April 1*
Easter
- ♦ *April 2—No School*
- ♦ *April 6-7*
School Musical
"Big Bad Musical"
- ♦ *April 14-15*
LLHS Fine Arts Fair
- ♦ *April 16-20*
Gr. 8 D.C. Trip

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Weekly Schedule

Sat., March 17	9:00 AM	School Cleaning
Sun., March 18	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday School & Bible Class DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE
Mon.-Fri. March 19-23		NO SCHOOL—Spring Break
Mon., March 19	7:00 PM	Board of Education Mtg.
Sun., March 25	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday School & Bible Class PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Mon., March 26	7:15 AM 12:05 PM 3-5:00 PM	Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Village Garden Musical Practice
Tues., March 27		Activity Day Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart Musical Practice
	3-5:00 PM	
Wed., March 28	7:15 AM 12:05 PM 3-5:00 PM	Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: SubWay Musical Practice
Thurs., March 29	3:30 PM 6:30 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Sing: Jr. Choir MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Fri., March 30	1:30 PM 6:30 PM	CEF Stamps & Band Practice <i>Gr. K-8 Report Cards Sent Home</i> GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Sing: Gr. K-8 TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE
Sat., March 31	8:30 AM	Easter Breakfast Preparation Church Basement

Worship Schedule

**"Oh, come, my soul, your Savior see nailed to your cross on Calvary.
Your pains He bear; Your thorns He wears that yours a crown of life
might be. CW 99 st. 1**

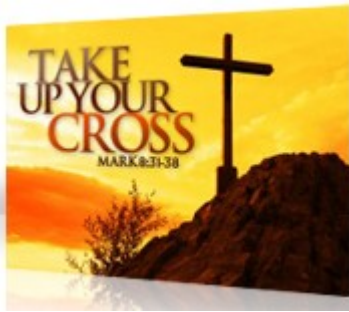
Wednesdays During Lent—3:30 & 6:30 P.M.
Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
Bible Class (church basement)—9:15 A.M.
Sunday School (school)—9:15 A.M.
Youth Bible Class (school)—9:15 A.M.



From the Principal's Desk

Christ's Clear Words of Commitment

"[Jesus] then began to teach [His disciples] that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priest and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again.... Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said, "If anyone would come after me, He must deny Himself and take up His cross and follow me." Mark 8:31,34



It comforts me to know I can count on Jesus' words. He is the trustworthy teacher who spoke plainly to His disciples of His impending great anguish. He does not mask His words in euphemisms. He tells them clearly what they needed to know. "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected..."

Jesus' words stand in sharp contrast to the broken commitments and vows, voiced by those around us. People speak words that are hollow and empty with dishonesty. Such words lead to disappointment and heartache. We hear the promises of those close to us that eventually prove to be unreliable. Moreover, I myself am pained by my own well-intended words that remain unfulfilled.

When Jesus speaks, He speaks the truth plainly. His words are spoken out of love for me. He wants me to know with undeniable certainty the depth of His love. Jesus speaks of death—His death!—that would win complete forgiveness for every sin.

Jesus not only speaks clearly but acts boldly to do exactly what He said He would do. "The Son of Man...must be killed." He would humbly set aside His glory and unwaveringly walk to the cross where He would be crucified and die for me. Since Jesus speaks to me with sincerity, I sincerely confess my sin to Him and trust His word of full pardon.

Christ also utters words of a conqueror! "After three days (I must) rise again." Even as Jesus prepared to journey on the dark road to the cross of Calvary, His lips delivered a message of light and life. Jesus declared the Easter joy that would follow after the gloom of suffering and death.

Since Jesus speaks the truth plainly, I can also trust Him when He lovingly calls me to follow Him. He does not promise that following Him will make my life comfortable and carefree. Rather, He tells me plainly that there will be a cross to carry as His selfless love inspires me to deny my own sinful, selfish ways. For Jesus, I struggle with a Spirit-inspired determination against any adversity that may threaten my relationship with Him. With every cross I bear, I know that Jesus and His word will be my strength. Then one day I will enjoy the eternal victory His death and resurrection won for me. I know this is true, for He has clearly told me so!

Prayer: Dearest Jesus, You are the way and the truth and the life. Thank You for Your words which inspire me to deny myself and to gladly follow You. Amen.

Scriptural Method of Resolving Differences

At this time of the year, questions, comments, and concerns about what is going on in or out of school often surface. A reminder that we are to teach our children as well as model for others what the proper manner is on how to handle these things in the light of God's Word. Remember that our primary goal here at St. John's is to guide each student (and believer) in a continued growth in the knowledge of the grace of God in Christ Jesus that he/she may live to the glory of God in his life. We need to remember what is the Scripture guided way of handling any of these situations:

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."
(Ephesians 4:29)

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church" (Matthew 18:15-17)

These words of our Savior are an excellent reminder for the way in which we are to go about resolving our differences with fellow Christians: teachers, pastors, parents, and students. Shortcuts to this method are unacceptable to the Lord and detrimental to His church. The following guidelines are useful for all of God's children to keep in mind:

1. If a child comes home with a complaint against the school, a teacher, or fellow student, refrain from being critical or judgmental in the child's presence. Rather, listen to the complaint, clarify it with your child, and then patiently and lovingly address the appropriate person with the concern.
2. If a parent has a problem with or a complaint against teacher, he should first talk to the teacher. Most problems will be resolved by discussion as brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. If this step does not solve the problem, the parent should talk to the principal. He will attempt to resolve the matter with the teacher.
4. If the problem has not been solved in a Christian manner by this time, all parties involved (parents, teachers and principal) will discuss the problem in a Christian manner.
5. If the above procedures fail to solve the problem, the parents should discuss it with the pastor.
6. The final step would involve a meeting with the Board of Education which would make a disposition of the matter according to God's Word.

We ask you to follow these steps in resolving a difference between home and school. It is what Christ asks us to do, and it will save much heartache, misunderstanding, and unpleasantness in our school family. Remember Satan would like nothing more than to cause irreparable harm. The Lord wants us to speak the truth in love.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Church Singing

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 3:30 P.M.:
Jr. Choir Sings

Good Friday, March 30, 1:30 P.M.:
Gr. K-8 Sing

Easter Sunday, April 1, 6:30 A.M.:
Children with last names **O-Z** sing.
9:00 A.M.: Children with last names **A-N** sing.
If you would rather attend an opposite church service than the one you were assigned to, you may. Your child is also welcome and encouraged to sing in both services.

Mission Offerings

3rd Quarter—Service—Deaf and Blind

Total collected so far: **\$197.62**

Please remember that our mission offerings for our Lord are collected on Wednesday.

PTS Lenten Meal

The PTS sponsored Lenten meal is on March 21st. Help is needed and appreciated with the meal before, during, and after. Call or text Michelle Preskar at 920-382-2357 to see where you can assist.

Preschool & Kindergarten Registration

If you were unable to attend the open house on March 4th, please see Mr. Cody, Mrs. Gunst, or Mrs. Schultz. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school by calling 386-4644 or stopping by and visiting with Mrs. Gunst, Mrs. Schultz, or Mr. Cody. **If you know a family that has a child that will be 3, 4, or 5 years of age for next school year, please share this information with them.**



Families of St. John's - especially parents,

God has blessed us with the opportunity to teach our children about the good news of Jesus and how He saved us from our sins. You are already carrying out that God given command and privilege by sending your children to St. John's or LLHS or LPS where God's Word is taught in its truth and purity. You are also carrying out that command of God by worshiping together as a family whether at home over devotion or at church on a Sunday morning. Like anything in life, we need encouragement to continue to do what is God pleasing. Please come! Be encouraged! Grow in the Word of God! By God's grace, your faith will be strengthened.

No School

Reminder: There will be No School Monday through Friday, March 19–23rd for our Spring break.

Christian Education Month

March is Christian Education month. The last activity for the month is:

Activity Day: March 27th—Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart.

End of the Third Quarter

Today marks the end of the third quarter. Report cards for grades K-2 will be sent home on Friday, March 30th. Report card envelopes are to be returned to school by Tuesday, April 3rd.

School Registration Bills

Thank you to those who have paid their book bills in full or in a timely fashion. Just a reminder that if you have a book bill balance, it will need to be paid in full by March 31st (refer to our school handbook page five under the heading of Registration Payments). If you are experiencing difficulty meeting this obligation, please talk to Mr. Cody. This month's payment is due to the school office by March 31st.

Easter Breakfast

Easter is fast approaching!
Therefore it is time to plan for the Easter Breakfast hosted by our Parent Teacher Society. Breakfast will be served on Easter Sunday from 7:30 A.M. until the second service. A note (bright green) regarding the Easter Breakfast (which is coming up fast) on Sunday, April 1st, is enclosed in your family envelope today. Please check out where you can help!! Contact Sara Fehrman at 920-210-6231 or Lisa Cody at 920-933-0442.



Please return the slip to school via your family envelope by **Monday, March 26th**, indicating where you can help or donate .

Easter Basket Delivery

Are you interested in spreading a little Easter cheer? Delivery drivers and children are needed to drop off Easter baskets to the shut-ins of our congregation on March 27th from 3-6:00 P.M. Please let Shannon Schmidt know if you can help at shext@hotmail.com.



School Musical "Big Bad Musical"

Our school musical will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 6 & 7. Performance times are Friday night at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday at 2:00 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at door.

At church: Sunday, March 18 & 25 —between services in the church basement.

At school: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to noon and all day on Fridays.

You may also reserve your tickets by emailing Mrs. Leissring at school@stjohnsjuneau.org



School Cleaning

Our next school cleaning day is Saturday, March 17th. The following families have signed up to clean: Feller, Justmann, Krueger, J/M Schaalma, & Shramek. Bring a bucket and rags. We start at 9:00 A.M. and should be done by noon.

If you have not fulfilled your obligation for school cleaning, this would be a great Saturday to do so. Please contact Mrs. Leissring in the school office to sign up. If you do not fulfill your cleaning obligation for the 2017-2018 school year, the cost is \$30.00 payable to St. John's School.

Special Bus Routes

As Dodgeland does not have school March 26-30, the special bus route will be run that week. Please contact Lamers Bus Lines at 920-386-2200 if you have any questions concerning pick-up or drop-off times. If your child requires bus transportation home after the 1:30 P.M. Good Friday service, please fill out the slip at the end of the Eagle Claw and return it to school via your family envelope by Monday, March 26th.

The Book Fair

We want to thank everyone who shopped and purchased books during our Spring Book Fair. Total sales were \$2,116.00. We received \$846.00 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase books in the future from Scholastic.



Juneau Rec. Dept.

Summer recreation booklets are available in the school office. They are also available at Dodgeland Elementary School, Juneau Public Library, City Hall, and Recreation Department.



Reminder—Lakeside Fine Arts Fair April 14 & 15

Music Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside Lutheran High School—**All band and Jr. Choir members are required to attend both days' events.** Individual events and band and Jr. Choir performances will be held on Saturday, April 14th. A schedule for Saturday will be sent home as soon as it becomes available. On Sunday, April 15th, the band and Jr. Choir members will participate in the concert held in the south gym at Lakeside.

Black dress pants or skirts and a plain black t-shirt will be the attire to go with the orange polo shirts. Please refrain from black jeans, yoga pants, spandex, or leggings. Leggings may be worn under a black skirt. Plain black t-shirts, please, with no printing on them.

Lakeside Lutheran Summer Band Program and Sports Camps

The summer band program is looking for any band student in grades 4-7 to join the Lakeside Lutheran High School band summer program. If you do not play an instrument, color and honor guard members are needed also. Contact Mrs. Leissring for a registration form.

Lakeside is also offering summer sports camps. Check out lhs.org/K8sports for online information and downloadable versions of their brochures and registration items.



*The Son of God became a man to enable
men to become the sons of God.*

C.S. Lewis

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

Church News Items



Palm Sunday: Next week, March 25th is Palm Sunday! We will have a special opening for our church services. Any children and

parents who are interested are invited to march to the front of church carrying palm branches (depicting what it was like for Jesus entering Jerusalem). If you are interested in participating, please meet in the narthex ten minutes before the service you attend on Palm Sunday. Thank you!

Euchre Night: We are planning a monthly Euchre night in the church basement. It will be a light-hearted



tournament style evening with partners advancing and/or switching around throughout the evening. This will be a great opportunity to have some fun and interact with many different people. Come and play! If you don't know how to play that well, that's alright! Come and learn. Come alone or bring a partner or bring the family. The first two Euchre nights will be Saturday, March 24th, and Saturday, April 28th. The playing will begin around 6:30 P.M. and we should be done by 9:00 P.M. For the March Euchre night, if your last name begins with A-M, we would ask you to bring a snack to share. For the April Euchre night, if your last name begins with N-Z, we would ask you to bring a snack to share. Hope to see many of you there. If you don't like to drive at night but would like to come, please talk to Mary Weinheimer at 920-296-0341. She would love to arrange a ride for you!

Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart is Here!



Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart is here. We are partnering with the American Heart Association in fighting heart disease and stroke. During our program, our school children will learn a little bit more about their heart and how to develop healthy habits. The children will also participate in either "hoops" or "jump rope" activities on Tuesday, March 27, which is Activity Day for Christian Education month. We are raising funds to help support the American Heart Association. An envelope for gathering donations was enclosed in your family envelope on March 2nd. **Donations are due at school by Friday, April 6th.** You may enclose your donation envelope in your family envelope. The children chose which event (hoops or jump rope) that they wanted to participate in.



On the backside of the envelopes are prizes that the children can earn determined by how much money they collect. We are looking forward to participating in the 2018 Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart!

Service Project for Christian Education Month

We have a spring rally project that all ages can be excited about! The service project for the 2018 LWMS Spring Rally in Fox Lake is two-fold for our area WELS Lutheran Camp – Camp Phillip in Wautoma, WI

- 1) Donate items on the Camp Wish List
- 2) Donate monetary gifts towards Camp Phillip's present \$500,000 building project.

This is a great project for our church and school to partner in! Donations will be collected during the month of March. Please watch for upcoming detailed information regarding the collection time and donation locations. The camp wish list and information regarding their building project was enclosed in your family envelope last week. Please look them over and see how you can use your God-given blessings to support Camp Phillip! We will have a two week collection period beginning March 26th to April 6th.

Luther Prep Gala Auction Donations



Donations of new items are currently being accepted for the LPS Gala, on Saturday, April 21st. If you have something new or handcrafted, it can be brought to the Mission Advancement office anytime during the school day. If you live far away from LPS and cannot attend the Gala, this would be a great way to show support! Perhaps contribute a tail gating basket (cooler, mini-grill, beer, chairs, snacks, special condiments, nerf football) with another Prep family.

Scrip Update

The selling times for Lent:

The selling time at church is:
Sundays, between church services
Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00 P.M.

The selling time at school is:
Fridays, before school only.

Thank you for using scrip for your everyday shopping needs. If you have questions regarding Scrip or would like to participate in the program, please contact Char Lober at 920-219-0122 by text or 920-386-4785.



Bus Transportation—March 30, 2018

_____ Yes, I need bus transportation home for my child(ren) on Friday, March 30th.

_____ Child or Family Name

Return in your family envelope by Monday, March 26th.